

apostle of old, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," "he doeth the works." Could we all fully realize that Jesus lives to-day in greater power than ever he manifested while in human form he walked the earth.

These meetings will cause us to be more closely united and will create a greater love one for another. O, how inspiring it is to see so many of your fellow men that are earnestly laboring for this glorious cause—the salvation of man, and the glorifying of God through his dear Son.

Each one should come feeling a degree of responsibility resting on them for these gatherings are made a success by *all* taking part. The stronger the force the greater the power. So don't get the idea that success is achieved by only a few taking part. You have each one come for a purpose and that to be revived and strengthened. In the discussion of different topics we hear the different thoughts of each expressed, new points are brought out that probably were never spoken of before, hence, we are brought out ourselves as well as being a strength to others. Free discussions and examinations of the facts of God's dealings with men will lead in the end to peace and truth. "Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs and that he might comfort your hearts." A good motto for such meetings would be: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity." Above all things let us be charitable. May we be securely united with the ties of Christ's love, all being one family in Christ Jesus. "One is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." Again, here are golden opportunities for the young people. Will they let them pass, once gone never to return? O, think of your good influence and the inspiration you might bring into these meetings. What is sweeter and more beautiful than to see a young man or woman while yet in youth or in mature years of manhood and womanhood serving and obeying their Savior while they are enjoying the morning of life? May God help you to realize your power. "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

It is grand, blessed, to be young, to be at the entrance of the years which reach across the world, and in the fulness of hope and promise to go forward in the power of endless life. O, this power of endless life! Great King of Life and Priest of Eternity, reveal thyself to us and us to ourselves, and quicken us to this unknown future before us.

Let us all come prepared as fit subjects for Christ's service, may we labor and suffer in order that our light may so shine

that we might perform a good and acceptable work. Every good work is procured only through labor and suffering. "These are they which came out of tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

My prayer is that these union meetings may be made a success all over the brotherhood, and that each church may receive the greatest possible good from them. May they be the means of drawing others into the fold of God. Come one, come all. No one is left out in the infinitely gracious invitation of the King. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

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King's Children.

PUTTING RELIGION INTO OUR DAILY TASKS.

I Kings 7: 13-14; Acts 8: 1-4; Mark 6: 1-3.

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DAILY READINGS.

- M. Willing work, Neh. 4: 1-6.
- T. Work with God, Hag. 2: 1-9.
- W. "My Father's business," Luke 2: 41-52.
- T. Quiet work, II Thess. 3: 6-18.
- F. Hard work, Prov. 6: 6-11.
- S. Work rewarded, II Tim. 4: 1-8.

The problem of getting our preaching and our practice together is a great one. Herein is a stumbling block. The most common excuse for rejecting Christ is the lack of consistency in professors as they mingle with men in their daily tasks.

If the study of this topic will help us apply our religion more to the vexing trials and common tasks of life we may well afford to study it. When Christ said, "Love your enemies," "Do good and lend, hoping for nothing again," he meant just what he said. When he prayed "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," he manifested that it actually should be done.

Too much we treat his teachings as poetical or theoretical and fail to apply them in a practical way. B. Fay Mills, the great Evangelist has now for some time been using his power toward quickening the conscience of the church on this very point of "applied Christianity." Others have tried to get the remedy into touch with the disease thro the methods of social settlements, institutional churches, etc. Let this study be to help us as individuals to carry the leaven of the Christ-life everywhere we go.

SOME OF THE HARD, PRACTICAL THINGS WE ARE TO DO.

Observe the Golden Rule. Matt. 7: 12. Give. Matt. 5: 43. Forgive. Col. 3: 13. Bear one another's burdens. Gal. 6: 2. Work minding your own business. II Thess. 3: 10, 12; I Thess. 4: 11, 12. Pay your debts. Rom. 13: 8. Suffer wrong rather than resent it. I Cor. 6: 7. Avoid love of riches. I Tim. 6: 9. Avoid hypocrisy. Matt. 23: 4. Whatever your calling be a Christian in it. Luke 3: 10-15.

Some of these are "hard sayings" (John 6: 60) but we are not fit for the kingdom until we have learned the hard sayings of Christ. (Rom. 8: 9.) Here are some passages that will be helpful in gaining the spirit of Christ.

Remember that the old selfish man is dead, Gal. 2: 20, and the new is risen and seeks the things above, Col. 3: 1, and wins the victory thro the Spirit. Gal. 5: 16. Therefore now your body and spirit is God's, I Cor. 6: 20, and all you do should be to his glory, I Cor. 10: 31, Col. 3: 17, 23, being content in your state, Phil. 4: 11, observe I Thess. 5: 14-22.

THE GOLDEN TEXT OF CHRISTIAN LIVING.

I Cor. 7: 24. "Brethren, let every man where-in he is called, therein abide with God."

It is not a change of vocation but a taking in of a new partner who must now be consulted in every transaction.

This was the secret of Christ's blessed life. John 8: 29. "I do always those things that please him."

Before you drive that sharp bargain ask him. Before you utter that angry word ask him. Before you spend that money for tobacco or mere pleasure, ask him. Thus cultivate a tender conscience and finally this mind will be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2: 5.

QUESTIONS.

1. What texts are specially helpful to you?
2. What are some of our patience-testing times?
3. How can we "abide in God" and how does it help us?
4. What helps have we as means of grace?
5. How does our society help us?
6. How can we do more toward putting the spirit of Christ into our daily tasks?

Newton said, "If one angel were sent to mount a throne and another to sweep the street neither would wish to exchange with the other."

A woman whose special bane was washing dishes found this a delightful task after kneeling one day and praying that God would help her "abide with him."

Let Christians live that sinners may see that they have something they have not.

DILIGENCE IN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Diligent application is the keynote of success in Endeavor work as well as in business. No work should be slighted because it is lowly. We know not what shall prosper; what fail. "That is best which lies nearest." The most of us must live common lives among common men. We fail to do many beautiful acts of loving kindness because we wait for what seem to us more important things. In an old fable we are told of how spirits came to earth to find work. One took the body of a poet, another that of a king. At last one came and said, "All the fine bodies are taken; there is nothing left for me." But one more wise than the rest said, "The best has been left for you; the body of a common man, doing a common work, for a common reward." We should get the moral of this into our very lives. We should devote ourselves body and soul to the work of building up Christ's kingdom in the lives of those about us. God's blessings will be upon all that is done with an earnest desire to please him.—Forward.

It is better to suffer than to sin.